RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

November 17, 2026

WHEREAS, the County of Orange (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) has periodically authorized updates to the schedule of fees for the recovery of operational expenses at County recreational facilities managed by OC Community Resources/OC Parks (OCCR/OC Parks); and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 1999, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 99-21, which enacted Codified Ordinance of the County of Orange (OCCO) section 2-5-17, which states that is unlawful for any person to camp in a recreational area except in an area designated for those purposes and pursuant to a valid County permit issued by the County Director of Public Facilities and Resources Department or his/her agents and that no camping stay can exceed the period prescribed by said permit; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2010, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 10-015, which amended OCCO section 2-5-17 to state, in relevant part, that "No person shall camp, occupy camp facilities, use camp paraphernalia or store personal property in a recreational area in excess of the period prescribed by resolution of the Board of Supervisors."; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has not yet adopted a resolution limiting the amount of time a "person shall camp, occupy camp facilities, use camp paraphernalia or store personal property in a recreational area"; and

WHEREAS, OC Parks is responsible for the management, maintenance, and operation of County parklands for conservation and public recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, OC Parks recommends a limit on how long a person can camp in a County park in order to help conserve and to ensure more equitable use of the County parkland; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Class 1 (Existing Facilities) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because it provides for the operation of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing use; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to limit the amount of time a person may camp, occupy camp facilities, use camp paraphernalia, or store personal property in a County recreational area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board does hereby:

1. Resolve that the above recitals are true and correct.
2. Adopt a requirement that no person shall camp, occupy camp facilities, use camp paraphernalia or store personal property in a County recreational area in excess of 30 nights in a calendar year with no single stay exceeding 14 consecutive nights, to be effective January 1, 2027.
3. Adopt a requirement that no person shall camp, occupy camp facilities, use camp paraphernalia or store personal property in a County recreational area in excess of 30 nights during any rolling 60-night period, regardless of whether that period spans two calendar years, to be effective January 1, 2027.

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